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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated May 9, 2006, (copy enclosed) applicant encloses herewith the required Declaration and Power of Attorney. As regards the \$330 additional claim fee, the claims of record at the time the U.S. application was filed on March 25, 2004 consisted of 15 claims amended per the IPER prepared by the EPO as the International preliminary examining authority and then transmitted to the International Bureau. A copy of the IPER amended claim sheets is included. The Preliminary Amendment filed with the U.S. application was based on these amended claims and, therein, original claims 1-15 were cancelled and new claims 16-28 were added containing no multiple dependencies. Consideration and entry of the Preliminary Amendment submitted March 25, 2004 is accordingly respectfully requested. Our check in the amount of \$65 is enclosed to cover the late filing fee surcharge.

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